

ARTICLE VIII. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

Sec. A. Initiative

A motion or resolution may be placed on the agenda of a meeting of the University Faculty by any of the following initiative procedures:

1. A request of the president,
2. A request of the chair of the Faculty Senate,
3. A petition signed by forty percent of the voting members of the Faculty Senate,
4. A petition signed by two-thirds of the voting members of the University Faculty in any constituent faculty, or
5. A petition signed by ten percent of the voting members of the University Faculty.

~~C. The vote on any initiative or amendment to the constitution proposed by initiative shall be by written ballot sent to the voting members of the University Faculty as described in Article IX, Par. 1~~

Sec. B. Referendum

Any action of the Faculty Senate may be made subject to referendum by the University Faculty, within six months of the date of such action, by any of the procedures specified above for initiative. ~~A two-thirds vote of the voting members of the University Faculty present at the meeting called to consider such referendum shall be required to overrule the action of the Faculty Senate. In the event that the meeting does not achieve a quorum (what quorum rules apply?), that petition of referendum shall expire.~~

Sec. C. Voting

~~The vote on any initiative or amendment referendum proposed under this to the constitution Section shall be presented at any meeting of the University Faculty pursuant to Article IV. Within fourteen (14) days after such a meeting, the Secretary of the University Faculty shall send out an electronic ballot to the voting members of the University Faculty. The proponents of the initiative or referendum shall include a statement of the reasons for the proposal. Any opponents of the proposal may also include a statement of the reasons for their opposition. An initiative or referendum vote is valid only if at least 10% of the voting members of the University Faculty return a ballot within 14 days. The vote on any proposed initiative or referendum requires the approval of at least sixty percent of those voting members returning ballots.~~
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Proposed Revisions to Article X of the Faculty Handbook, Chapter 2, Article IX

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT

Par. 1. An amendment of this constitution may be proposed by either (a) majority vote of the Faculty Senate or by b) according to the initiative and referendum procedures specified in Article VIII, Sec. A. ~~action of the voting members of the University Faculty at an annual meeting or at a special meeting, subject to the procedures specified in Article VIII, Section A. A proposed amendment shall be presented at any meeting of the University Faculty pursuant to Article IV. Within fourteen (14) days after such a meeting, the Secretary of the University Faculty shall send out an electronic ballot written ballot via electronic means or other means~~ to the voting members of the University Faculty. The vote on any proposed amendment ~~shall be by mail ballot of the University Faculty and shall~~ requires the approval of sixty percent of those voting members returning ballots.

~~In the case of an amendment proposed by majority vote of the Faculty Senate, the president of the University shall call a special meeting of the University Faculty to discuss the proposed amendment; that meeting shall take place not later than the fifth day preceding the final date for submission of ballots.~~

Par. 2. At least once every five years, the Faculty Senate shall review all provisions of this constitution and recommend to the University Faculty as to desirable amendments.

Par. 3. After its approval by the voting members of the University Faculty, an amendment shall be submitted to the president for consideration and transmittal to the Board of Trustees for approval. The amendment shall take effect immediately upon receipt of trustee approval unless the amendment specified otherwise.